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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

SUBJECT: Formulation of Technical Guidance
for Compartmentation

REFERENCES: A. 11 July Draft DCID: "Compartmentation
of Sensitive Intelligence and Intelligence
Information"

B. "CIA Staff Review of TALENT, SI and
[redacted] Compartmentation Systems" -
February 1972

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4. The Task Group is instructed to report an outline of the scope of its study plan by 1 March 1973, together with a time schedule for completion of the study and manual.

/s/ W. E. Colby

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